Modernization of security forces

†3625. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to modernize security forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the modernization of security forces during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Modernization of the six Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) was approved at an outlay of Rs. 3740.71 crore for five year *w.e.f.* 2002. Scheme for modernization of SSB is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The amount earmarked under various provisioning heads for the CPMFs in BE 2005-2006 is Rs. 1751.78 Cr.

High crime rate in Delhi

3626. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Territory of Delhi has the highest crime rate among all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to this shocking menace in the Capital City of the country?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The data available with the National Crime Records Bureau indicate that crime-rate wise, Delhi was at second position during the year 2001 and at third position during the years 2002 and 2003 in comparison with other States/Union Territories.

(c) The steps taken to check crime in Delhi include improvement in the

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